GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN RURAL AREAS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether rural areas are not being adequately covered by the existing university system;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the extent to which lack of funds is responsible for not-expansion of university education in rural areas:

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to provide adequate funds for spreading of university education in rural areas; and

(e) the amount spent for this purpose during 1999-2000?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYASINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) No,Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) & (d): At present, there are 242 Universities and University level institutions and 11.000 Colleges in the country. In addition, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and State Open universities are also offering courses in various disciplines through the distance education mode. Thus, opportunities for higher education are available in every part of the country.

(e) According to the information furnished by UGC,an amount of rs. 439.77 crores under Plan and rs. 975.00 crores under Non-Plan was spent on University Education during 1999-2000.